

Xmas Eve Crash Kills Driver

Vern McCall, 51, of Lyon Manor lost his life Christmas Eve as the result of an automobile collision. The crash occurred on US-27 at the Five Mile Corner, south of Grayling about 10:30 P. M.

A car driven by Fred Niederer, Jr., was headed south and approaching the intersection with the McCall vehicle in the rear travelling in the same direction. Mr. Niederer slowed his car to turn left onto the Five Mile road when the McCall car crashed into the rear of the Niederer vehicle. The accident was investigated by Sheriff John A. Papendick. While the Sheriff was at the scene of the crash, Dr. L. F. Hayes of Grayling happened by and took the victim to the Grayling Mercy Hospital. Mr. McCall was dead upon arrival at the institution. Cause of death was determined as a skull fracture. Neither car was damaged too badly.

Grayling Public School News

Nurses Department

Shirley Canfield

Dr. C. E. Merritt our District Health Director, from Lake City, Michigan came over last Tuesday, December 8 and did a few physicals.

We are having quite a number out both in High School and the grades with sore throats and flu.

Four children have received glasses from Traverse City, Michigan.

Several High School students have received glasses from our local doctor.

GHS

Senior Pictures

Phyllis Goss

Tuesday, December 15th was a big day for the members of the Class of '54 as their Senior Pictures were ready for them to obtain from Mr. Ferris Parsons. Mr. Parsons, our photographer from Rogers City was at Parson and Lamm garage that day.

Some frames were missing which I am sure was a big disappointment but some of Mr. Parsons' order haven't been delivered so that he was unable to completely fill all his orders. The football pictures were also delivered the 15th.

GHS

Senior Class Meeting

Carolyn Deyett

A regular meeting of the Senior Class was held Monday, December 7, 1953, with Roger Kessler as the presiding officer.

A report was given by the Year Book Committee. It was decided by the class to sign a contract with the Myers Company for the making of the books. Advanced orders will be taken in the near future. The exact price is not known as of yet, but it will be obtained as soon as possible.

The Senior girls lost the magazine selling contest so they have to throw a party for the boys. This was brought up at this meeting, because nothing has been done about it. I guess the boys are getting over anxious.

Other things along the line of making and selling baskets, all programs, plans, etc., were also discussed. The meeting was then adjourned.

GHS

Chemistry Department

Shirley Canfield

The class has just finished working out the three groups of chemical compounds: Acid, bases and salts. One of the most common acids is acetic acid found in vinegar. Lye or sodium hydroxide is a common base and table salt is one of the salts.

Next comes the study of several of the elements and their compounds. Sulfur is the first one. It can be made into several different forms. Some of its uses include the vulcanizing of rubber and the manufacturing of sulphuric acid.

The lab is a smelly place these days from sulphur and its compounds. Carbon disulfide, sulphur dioxide and hydrogen sulfide make a pretty good mixture of lab odors.

GHS

Athletic Department

Shirley Canfield

The good crowds at our first two home basketball games have started us on what may be a record year for attendance. As far as can be determined last year attendance at home basketball games passed all records in recent years.

We cannot expect that all our crowds will be as large as Charlevoix and Harrison crowds, but if last years attendance is equaled from here on in we will have the best basketball attendance on record.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dean Hanson and son, Steve of Battle Creek were yesterday guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hanson.

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As the MSC Spartans boarded their special plane for California and the Rose Bowl game, Gov. Williams and Michigan's Apple Princess, Phyllis Goss, wished them the best of luck and presented them with plenty of Michigan apples to eat on the trip. In the picture, from left to right are Coach Biggie Munn, Governor Williams, The Apple Princess, Capt. Don Dehoney, and Quarterback Tom Yewick.

Official Report Blood Clinic

The official report of the blood procurement program has been received by Mrs. Leo Jorgenson from Dr. H. W. Wiley, Medical Director, blood products units, Division of Laboratories, Biologic Products Section, Lansing, Michigan. We quote from his letter: "We were very much pleased with the blood donor response and the fact that our unit actually collected 64 pints of blood in Grayling, December 4. This gratifying collection still leaves the Crawford County account 60.7 whole blood units in the red."

Another such clinic should see Crawford County "out of the red."

Grayling Bowling League

American Bowling League
Dec. 22nd to 29th, 1953

Team Standings

1. Spikes Keg O'Nails	35
2. Pfeiffer's	34
3. Plaza Grill	33
4. Baringer's	32
5. Midwest Linen	29
6. Hanson Chevrolet	27
7. Drewry's	24
8. Cadillac Overall	23 1/2
9. Davis Jewelers	23
10. AuSable River Inn	19 1/2
11. Welsh Motors	19
12. Cason's Motel	13

500 Series: Cornell 554, Dean 551, Jarrin 528, Denton 513, Peterson 512, Wright 509, Dave Cook 509.

200 Games: Suttles 221, Cornell 211, LaMotte 202, Jarrin 201.

Top Ten Averages: Dean 173, Cornell 171, Dave Cook 166, Jarrin 165, Denton 165, Jarrin 164, Cune 161, Roper 161, Phillips 161, Kelly 160.

To Conduct Series Of Special Services



Edward Hawley

Edward Hawley, evangelist will appear at the Assembly of God Church on Peninsula Street in Grayling in a series of special services beginning Sunday night, January 3. Services will be held every night but Saturday night, from 6:30 to 7:30 services will be held for all children up to 16 years of age.

There will be special music with solos both instrumental and vocal. Rev. Nathan Birdwell is pastor of the Grayling Assembly of God Church. Rev. Birdwell says, "If you need peace in your heart, come. If you need healing in your body, come."

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Heric spent Christmas in Saginaw visiting their daughter, Mrs. Charles Duncan and family.

WHAT - WHERE - WHEN

Jan 20—GHS Auditorium. Grayling Sportsmen's Club. Conservation Department guest speaker. Public invited.

Regular meeting, first Thursday of every month. Grayling Lodge 356, F. and A. M.

Hospital Aid—second Thursday each month, 1:30 p.m.—O.E.S.—Regular meeting 1st Wednesday of the month.

First & Third Mondays—Father Reels Council, Knights of Columbus. St. Michael's Hall, Roscommon.

American Legion Auxiliary meetings every second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

Crawford County Orange meetings 1st and 3rd Mon. each month, beginning Jan. 5th.

Cub Scout Den 5—2:30 each Sat. afternoon at Mrs. Matilda Hunter's home.

2nd Wed. each month—M. M. Church Men's Club, 6:30 p.m. potluck.

1953 Local News In Review

JANUARY 1, 1953

An auto crash at the north village limits of Frederic on Christmas Eve resulted in the injury of seven persons, four of them from Grayling, Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Bailey and four children. Plans were being made to open the Grayling Winter Sports Park this coming week end.

January 8

The Grayling Independents dumped a Roscommon Independent basketball team last Saturday night at Roscommon by a 71 to 69 score. Jim Rutledge led the Grayling scoring with 19 points. Announcement was made that the Annual Senior Prom would be held on January 31. Arrangements were being made to take care of a group of 100 Explorer Scouts who will be in Grayling on January 17 and 18.

January 15

Shirley Kolka was named Miss Grayling Winter Sports Queen of 1953 at a gathering at the park Saturday evening. Her court will be made up of Shirley Gildner, Jerrimae Harwood, Jean Lovely and Luellen Watkins. The Grayling City Council at their January meeting named Russell Carlson of St. Louis as the new Grayling City Manager. Wilfred Laurant, well known Grayling resident for over half a century was laid to rest on Wednesday.

January 22

Robert Dodge, area park supervisor for the Conservation Department crowned Miss Shirley Kolka as Miss Grayling Winter Sports Queen of 1953 in ceremonies at the park last Sunday. Crawford County mothers to march next Thursday night for funds in the public drive. The world's largest snow plow is under testing at the Grayling-McNamara Air Base.

January 29

Carroll Wert named as general chairman of the Grayling Winter Sports Carnival. Report received that Floyd Horning, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Horning had lost his life on January 22 in Korea. Kalkaska dumps Vikings 49 to 46 and scrambles locals Conference title hopes.

FEBRUARY 2, 1953

The American Legion Auxiliary will head the annual Red Cross drive. Rites for John G. Stepan, Jr. were read at Michelson Memorial Church Sunday. Wayne University group here for winter sports crown Miss Adele Lindren their Winter Queen.

February 12

1953 Winter Sports Carnival this week end. Eight guests have entered the Miss Michigan Snow Queen contest. T. P. Peterson of Grayling was elected as president of the Michigan Retail Lumber Dealer's Association at their convention in Grand Rapids last week. John H. Peterson who successfully headed this year's March of Dimes was elected as chairman

of the Crawford County Chapter.

February 19

Joan Ferris of Alpena was crowned as Miss Michigan Snow Queen of 1953 at the Grayling Winter Sports Park last Sunday by Glenn MacDonald, editor of the Bay City Times. William Ferguson, passed away suddenly at Mercy Hospital last Friday following an heart attack. Alpena seeks Air National Guard training base.

February 26

Grayling Legion, Post 108, to make drive for \$50,000 to construct a building with six bowling alleys. Red Cross Drive starts March 1 with county quota of \$1,345. Mrs. William Lemke, summer resident at Lake Margrethe, passed away in Florida.

MARCH 5, 1953

Vikings face Kalkaska tonight in the first round at the Grayling District Tournament, after defeating Gaylord 48 to 47 in the season's finale. Horseshoe Lake Inn located halfway between Grayling and Gaylord on US-27 was destroyed by fire Monday. Legion drive hits \$6,875.

March 12

The Vikings after knocking off Kalkaska 45 to 44 in the opening round of the District Tournament at Gaylord, bowed to the Blue Devils, 80 to 59 in the final game. James Burch named as all-conference forward. Legion drive a \$8,800. Mrs. Ellen P. Failing, county resident of over fifty years succumbs.

March 19

Grayling group travels to Pen tagon for session on air base move. Legion Bowling Building drive hits \$10,600. County Red Cross drive hits halfway mark.

March 26

Grayling group told that air base move was set last January and extra expense would be no factor by General Ricks. Cancer drive was to start on April 1 with the county unit seeking to raise over \$400. Harold MacNeven was elected as the new president of the Grayling Golf Club.

APRIL 2, 1953

Services were held Sunday at Michelson Memorial Church for Floyd James Horning who lost his life in Korea early this year. Over 100 attended the father and son banquet at the Grayling Masonic Temple. Red Cross drive moves over the quota. Legion drive at the \$12,400 mark. Final March of Dimes accounting showed total of \$23,401.91 raised in county.

April 9

Final rites read for Mrs. Margrethe Hanson Graham on Wednesday. A. L. Roberts and Wilbur Simpson elected to City Council in Spring Election. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Cole announce construction of a new gas station on US-27.

April 16

Legion Bowling Alley drive

alters as it reaches \$18,800. NLRB slates union election at Atlas Plywood plant. A. L. Roberts re-elected Grayling mayor.

April 23

Plan large Masonic gathering in Grayling on May 16 and 17. Over 100 Grayling High athletes, their fathers and guests attend the annual Award banquet last Wednesday night. City to enforce 3 A. M. to 6 A. M. parking ban on Michigan Avenue.

April 30

Assist. Defense Secretary promises Grayling Air Base survey. Clark L. McNutt, 30, of Plainwell was killed instantly last Saturday afternoon when his plane crashed and burned near McNutt's Landing at Lake Margrethe. Legion Bowling drive hits \$28,975. St. Mary's Parish to sponsor "Teen Time" parties. Grayling lady bowlers enjoy annual banquet last Wednesday.

MAY 7, 1953

Bowling Alley Drive of Legion goes over top bowling assured for Grayling. Committees named for Grayling—Masonic Jamboree, Grayling Kiwanis bowlers take second place in state-wide Kiwanis bowling tournament.

May 14

Grayling Masonic Jamboree set for coming week end. Lyle Dunckley, Frederic postmaster, died at Munson Hospital, Traverse City, Sunday. Legion starts Bowling Alley building. Inmates of Camp Lehman donate 20 pints of blood to the local blood bank at Mercy Hospital.

May 21

The first Grayling Masonic Jamboree was termed a highly successful as eighty out of town Masons registered including the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, French C. Steier.

May 21

Red Cross workers enjoy "victory banquet." Thirty seniors on the Grayling High School graduation list. Bear Archery Company announces plans for an addition on their factory that will add approximately 50 per cent more floor space.

May 28

Viking Seniors begin last week with Baccalaureate Service Sunday. Over 125 people attend a Grayling Kiwanis banquet at the AuSable River Inn and heard Secretary of State Owen J. Cleary speak. Grayling men bowlers held their annual banquet at the AuSable River Inn last Thursday night.

JUNE 4, 1953

Second Grayling Alumni Banquet draws 250 people. The Grayling baseball team lost their first game of the year to Belleire Sunday here by a 5 to 2 score. Parade and memorial services mark Decoration Day in Grayling. Mrs. Fedora Landsberg, daughter

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

from the publisher
and staff

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Sisters of Mercy, the nurses, the doctors, also the many who sent me cards and flowers, also Rev. R. C. Puffer and Rev.

Hollie Luter for their prayers for me while I was a patient at the hospital.

Mrs. Myrtle Strong.

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TIMES SQUARE CROWDS . . . This picture was made from atop the marquee of the Hotel Astor looking southward along the "Gay White Way." Scenes like this are enacted every New Year's Eve in Times Square, called the crossroads of the world.

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FOR SALE — Double kitchen sink with fixtures. Phone 2231. 12-17 tf

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Review

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of Mr. and Mrs. David Montour, died in a car crash on US-27 just south of Gaylord last Wednesday night. Eric Post was elected as the Grayling Sportsman's Club president.

June 11

Commencement exercises well attended. Bowling building progressing very well. Seek bids on \$300,000 construction projects at Camp Grayling. Free Methodist Church completes building addition plans. St. Mary's Parish honor pastor, Father John Breitenstein with dinner and program.

June 18

Lucille Wakeley and Richard K. Nelson, both received degrees from Central Michigan College. Plans were made for a summer golf league at the Grayling Golf Club. The Grayling Laundry sells its linen and industrial rental service to the Midwest Linen, an affiliate of Cadillac Overall Co.

June 25

7th Annual Canoe Marathon to start from Grayling on September 4. Mrs. Elsie Holka, 76, of Frederic, died at Mercy Hospital Tuesday night of burns suffered when her home caught fire Tuesday afternoon. Mort Neft to make movies here for his television show, "Michigan Outdoors." William C. Williams, 20, of Roscommon was killed in a car-truck crash, three miles north-east of here on M-93 Wednesday afternoon. Robert C. Smith receives degree from Western Michigan College.

JULY 2, 1953

Guard training opens this week end at both the Air Base and Camp Grayling. Mrs. C. J. McNamara dies Tuesday morning at Mercy Hospital. Announce plans for drive for funds for a new Grayling Mercy Hospital.

July 9

Six file to run for two posts of the Grayling School Board. Seek \$300,000 for new Grayling Mercy Hospital. May establish winter testing area at Grayling Air Base.

July 16

Hospital Campaign Executive committee formed. George A. Griffin named as Conservation Commission Chairman. Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Barber of Frederic celebrate sixtieth anniversary. National Guardsmen to leave air base, Camp Grayling this week end.

July 23

Form Memorial Gifts Committee for Hospital drive. Dickie Hayes, son of Dr. and Mrs. L. F. Hayes succumbs. Expect second group of Guardsmen at Camp Grayling and Air Base this week end. Air Guard plane crash injures two.

July 30

Five week end car crashes occur on four mile stretch on US-27 south of here. Plan four stage drive for new Mercy Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. David Montour celebrate Golden Wedding anniversary. James Reynolds passes away at Saginaw Veterans Hospital.

AUGUST 6, 1953

Hospital drive at \$19,800. Bernard Riley, hospital employee severely injured when struck by motorcycle. Plan T-B X-ray Unit drive. Hit runner kills Indiana Guardsman at Houghton Lake. Mackinaw City railroad employee killed in railway mishap south of Grayling.

August 13

Hospital Fund drive jumps to \$43,000. US-27 car crash kills Indiana motorist south of Grayling. Blood bank disappointing. Carl E. Larson, a Grayling resident for 63 years passes on at Mercy Hospital. Michigan's Iron Flat Division heads for Camp Grayling and field training.

August 20

Hospital Memorial drive reaches \$77,700 total. Three teams entered in 1953 Michigan Canoe Championships already. Car crash injures five south of Grayling on M-76.

August 27

Ten teams now entered in canoe race. School to start September 8. Hospital Building Fund tops \$100,000. Michigan Guardsmen leave for home Saturday.

SEPTEMBER 3, 1953

10 teams to start canoe race at midnight Friday. Mercy Hospital drive now at \$140,480. "Dad" shell explosion kills two 15-year-old boys Friday. Viking grid practice starts Monday. T-B X-Ray mobile unit has 726 attend.

September 10

Don Folchbauer and Bernard Fowler win canoe race and reduce time by 28 minutes. Del Case and Smock of Grayling finish eighth. With \$155,500 pledged the Grayling Mercy Hospital Building drive passed the halfway mark. E. R. Burns elected Lieut. Governor of the 14th Division of Michigan Kiwanis.

September 17

Local phase of Hospital drive under chairmanship of Alfred J. Sorenson and Willard Cornell to start. Shirlee Shoppe sold to Mrs. Blanche McNeil. Vikings to face Gaylord Friday night. Expect large group of sports car drivers here this week end for meet.

September 24

Vikings lose opened to Gaylord 32 to 0, face Onaway Saturday. Hospital fund reaches \$171,848. Air Base inspected by four men of National Safety Council for winter driving tests. Bowling to start on Community Bowling alleys next week. North Eastern District of Federated Womens Club to hold convention here October 1 and 2.

OCTOBER 1, 1953

Hospital drive total at \$204,873. Womens Club Convention opens today. Onaway trips Vikings 24 to 12, meet Mio here October 9 in home coming game. Small game season opens.

October 8

Hospital Fund drive enters final phase with \$238,303 raised in pledges. Mr. and Mrs. William Hunter to mark Golden Wedding anniversary Sunday. Vikings

face Mio Friday. 92 registered at Womens Club District convention.

October 18

Vikings hit winning stride, defeat Mio 21 to 0. Hospital campaign at \$254,607 mark. Congress Elford Cederberg to be at Crawford County Court House on October 19 to meet with constituents.

October 22

Mercy Hospital Building Fund drive nears goal with \$282,000 raised. Lake City ties Vikings 13-13 in an upset, face Roscommon Friday. Cederberg addresses Grayling Kiwanis Club. Cadillac station WWTW to be on air by 1954.

October 29

Hospital Campaign "way over top" with \$351,486.74 pledged. NLRB Union vote set at Atlas Plywood for October 29. Roscommon rolls over Vikings, 42 to 0. Face Houghton Lake in final home appearance Friday. William Joseph elected as 1954 Grayling Kiwanis president.

NOVEMBER 5, 1953

Vikings down Houghton Lake 12 to 0, travel to Mancelona for season's final Friday. Hospital total inches up to \$363,481.58. C. I. O. wins NLRD election at Atlas. Mrs. Velma Deckrow succumbs suddenly Saturday. Kiwanis honors Dr. J. F. Cook with banquet.

November 12

1953 deer season opens Sunday. County owes 121.6 pints of blood. Vikings swept by powerful Mancelona 49 to 0 and season. An addition to the Grayling school started by Koenig Construction Company of Traverse City. Mrs. Eureka Stephan re-elected L. N. L. president.

November 19

Movement started by several citizens for lighted athletic and recreation area. M-72 crash kills two Toledo men. Viking cagers to tip lid of 1953-54 season at Mio next Tuesday. Plan blood clinic for December 2.

November 28

Grayling Air Base oked for winter-testing by National Safety Council and U. S. Corps of Engineers. Hunters bag albino buck. Dead man's curve on M-74 takes two more lives in car crash.

DECEMBER 3, 1953

Vikings crush Mio 62 to 37 to open season. Legion sets date for kiddies Christmas party. Six deer hunters wounded in Grayling area. Hospital drive now totals \$384,247. Phillips Market badly damaged by fire Thanksgiving evening.

December 10

City announces Christmas lighting and home decoration contest. Grayling Winter Sports program planned. Blood plasma clinic deemed success with 65 pints secured. Masonic Lodge elects new officers for 1954 with Arthur Clough as Worshipful Master.

December 17

Grayling City Council approves lighted recreation area in City Park. Preliminary plans for extensive Grayling School expansion nearing completion. Vikings defeat Fairview and Harbor Springs. WWTW, Cadillac sends first signal over air.

December 24

Grayling Post, 108, American Legion to seek second thirty year charter. Vikings extend victory string to five as they defeat two of the north's most powerful court quintets, Charlevoix and Harrison. Grayling Sportsmen Club and newly organized Ausable River Game Warden-Conservation Commission's proposed changes in trout fishing regulations. Legion fetes inmates at Camp Lehman. Mrs. Mary Bidvia and Mrs. Bertha L. Millikin laid to rest.

Aliens Must Report Address in January

Every alien who is in the United States on January 1 must report his address to the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization during the month of January, 1954. Reports for aliens under fourteen years of age must be made by parents or legal guardians. Any alien who is temporarily absent from the United States during the reporting period must report his address within ten days after his return to the United States.

This requirement was first provided for by the Internal Security Act of 1950 and has been incorporated in the Immigration and Nationality Act which became effective on December 24, 1952. It requires that the address report be made every year in January, and further provides that any alien or his parent or legal guardian in the United States who willfully or inexcusably fails to report is liable to be taken into custody and deported. Furthermore, imprisonment or fine may be levied before deportation.

The Annual Address Report Card (Form I-53), on which the address must be submitted, may be obtained at any United States Post Office or any Immigration and Naturalization Service office.

In Detroit, Immigration and Naturalization Service offices are located at 3770 East Jefferson Avenue, Room 432, Federal Building, the Detroit and Canada Tunnel, and the Ambassador Bridge. The card must be completely filled out giving full name, residence address, Alien Registration number, date and place of birth, and the date and port of entry into the United States. When completed and signed, the card must be handed to a clerk in any Post Office or Immigration and Naturalization Service office. It is not to be placed in the mail.

The only aliens in the United States who are exempted from submitting the Annual Address Report Form are Canadian citizens who are temporarily visiting the United States for less than six months and citizens of other countries who are temporarily in the United States for less than thirty days.

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"Drunk Drivers Go To Jail"

Sheriff Papendick today called upon all motorists to make a special effort between Christmas and New Years to co-operate with the holiday traffic safety program aimed at reducing drunk driving accidents.

"It is only natural that our department should make a special effort to apprehend drunk drivers during a time of the year when there are a great many more celebrations than at any other time," the Sheriff said. "Our department has made every effort to warn persons who drive after drinking that to become drunk and then drive is considered the most heinous traffic offense because of the complete innocence of so many motorists and pedestrians who are run down by drunk drivers. We have used posters, table tents and radio messages. And, the newspapers have given us splendid co-operation—all to warn motorists that 'Drunk Drivers Go To Jail' and that drunk drivers lose their licenses," the Sheriff added.

Today's traffic has become so rapid and so complex that a point has been reached where making special arrangements to get to and from a holiday celebration is an important traffic safety plan.

In conclusion Sheriff Papendick said, "Remember, excessive drinking is the thing that gets you into a traffic jam faster than your slowed reactions and poorer driving ability can get you out. It takes less alcohol than you think to give you that feeling of exhilaration which results in your driving too fast and taking too many chances."

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The Good . . . The Bad

Elsewhere in this issue, you will find a year's end review of local news happenings of interest. While we were getting this information together it occurred to us that a local newspaper although missing the "big" news-breaks of the metropolitan dailies, still has its share of news events which shape the history and future of at least our own community.

In the columns of the Crawford County Avalanche during the past year, we have published stories which have brought sorrow to us and to many closer to the news event. We carried one story of a local lad killed in Korea, we reported the deaths of many, many of our local citizens. It was a "bad" news story too when a "dud" shell exploded down river killing two young boys who had picked the shell up from the firing ranges of the National Guard.

All of these happenings are news. They must be reported because people wish to know of them. Happily, however, we have stories as often and some times oftener that brings us pleasure to print and we know brings happiness to those involved.

The first story of last years that we think was a "good" story all around for everyone in Grayling was not evident at the time of publication. The following months proved it as "good." This story, we refer to was the appointment by the Grayling City Council in January of Russell Carlson of St. Louis as the new City Manager. His work since that appointment, we think, has been outstanding.

The next "good" news story was the reporting that the local March of Dimes had gone over the top. The Red Cross goal reaching was next. Then the local Legion Post started a drive for funds to construct a

building to house community bowling alleys and a new Legion meeting hall. This met with success and all concerned were very happy.

The Bear Archery Company announced the start of construction of a new addition. This was good news to everyone in Grayling. Expansion always means success. Success for any person or company always means more employment, steadier employment and this certainly means nothing but "good" for Grayling as a whole. Success breeds success and in a small community, one company's success is good news for all.

Another story broke about this time that gave us pleasure to print and made Grayling proud. This was the moving up of George A. Griffith to the chairmanship of the Conservation Commission.

The next success story that we really liked was the victory of Don Feldhauser and Bernard Fowler in the Michigan Canoe Championship. These boys had worked their hearts out in previous races and really deserved to win.

Without doubt, the top "good" news story of the year was the announcement that the drive for funds to build a new Grayling Mercy Hospital had gone way over the top. A new hospital for Grayling was essential. The drive's success is a feather in just about everybody's cap in town. The drive proved what can be accomplished when people work together. Most folks now feel that nothing is impossible. The things that used to be classified as "impossible" are now thought of as "difficult." And the "difficult things" are now known to just take a little longer than the "easy" ones.

The final story of the year to which we will allude was the announcement that the Grayling Air Base would be used for winter testing purposes and would bring a lot of outsiders into Grayling during our usual dull months. This balanced the scales for the loss of the Air National Guard training site to Alpena, we think.

To try to read the moving scales at the end of a calendar year is pretty presumptuous. And we surely wouldn't put down on the pages of history in indelible ink how we felt about 1953 because the turn of events may sometimes appear advantageous and really turn out to be disastrous. But we think 1953 was good to Grayling over the twelve months and we feel the citizens of Grayling and Crawford County can look forward to the days of 1954 as being full of progress and achievement . . . of hopes realized and dreams come true.—R. W. S.

**Interesting Events In
Grayling 23 Years Ago****INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE
FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO**

January 1, 1931

Word has been received of the death of Arthur Brink, formerly of Grayling, at Everett, Wash., on Christmas Day. He was the son of William F. and Martha M. Brink. His widow, who was the former Cecel Dyer and four children survive. Also a brother, Tolla W. Brink of Bay City.

Gerald Herrick had his tonsils removed at Mercy Hospital Monday, also Principal LaVere Cushman underwent a similar operation.

Born to Mrs. Laura Welch, a daughter, Delores Darline on December 20th.

Miss Helen Lietz was home from Bay City visiting her parents, the Roman Lietzs.

Miss Louise LaVack was hostess to a number of friends Monday evening to celebrate her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Smith entertained a number of their friends

at a dancing party Saturday evening.

Miss Margaret Warren was hostess at a luncheon Monday afternoon. Her guests included Misses Jayne Keyport, Ann Hanson, Elizabeth Matson, Pauline Lietz and Mary Schumann. Miss Jayne Keyport entertained the same group and Georgianna Olson at luncheon on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Foryst Barber are the parents of a new son, born December 28th.

Mrs. Lucy Morency before leaving for Detroit to spend the winter was given a farewell party by her neighbors and friends. Dancing and a potluck supper were enjoyed.

Miss Husted of Lovells who teaches at the Kellogg school, gave her pupils a chicken dinner as a Christmas treat.

Miss Jean Thorne who makes her home with her aunt, Mrs. E. N. Darveau, is spending the holi-

day vacation in Alpena.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Vincent of Flint visited the latter's parents, the James Shermans over Xmas.

Miss Priscilla Parks of Gaylord is visiting Miss Mary Rasmussen.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Hanson and children spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Holger Hanson.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dingeman and daughter are guests of her parents, the James McDonnells.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Engler and son, John, of Philadelphia are visiting the Carl Sorensons.

48 Years Ago — January 2, 1905

E. S. Houghton of Lovells slipped while loading poles and has been limping a few days since. It is hard to lay Ed up.

The planing mill started up again Monday morning.

Our thaw of last week caught cold Saturday and over six inches of snow fell before morning.

Harry Pond and family have moved to Wolverine, where he has a R. R. job on the branch.

Sheriff Amidon took Henry Rogers, a genuine bum, to the Detroit House of Correction, who was sent up for 60 days by Justice Niederer for larceny.

George Leonard has returned from a visit with friends in the southern part of the state.

Charles Howland is completing the cement floors in the Opera House basement this week, and R. Deckrow is nearly through with the plumbing, so the new heating outfit will soon give comfort to all.

William B. Mershon of Saginaw a member of the state forestry

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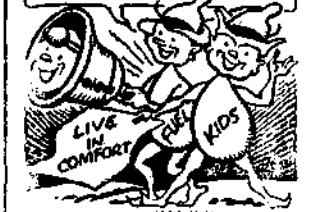
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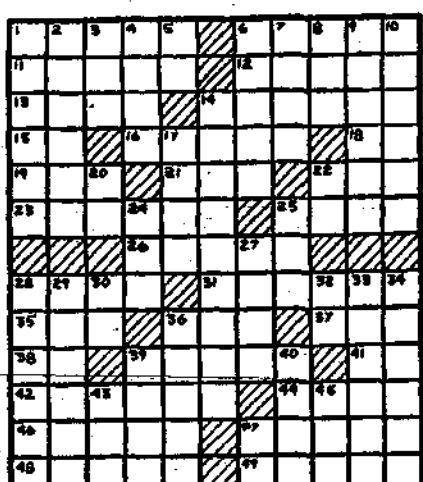
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 10. Mistakes
 14. Infuriating
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE

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DEFAULT having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Earl L. Moody and Lilah M. Moody, his wife, to William VonSee and Virginia VonSee, his wife, dated the 18th day of November 1949 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 24th day of November 1953, in Liber 42 of Mortgages, on page 119, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of One thousand eight hundred seventy-eight dollars, eighty-six cents, and the further sum of Fifty dollars as Attorney's fees, making the whole amount claimed to be due at the date of this notice, to-wit, the sum of \$1,928.86, to which amount will be added at the time of sale all taxes and insurance that may be paid by the said Mortgagees between the date of this notice and the time of said sale; and no proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

Now Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at

public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door of the Court House in the City of Grayling, and County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Monday the first day of March 1954, at ten o'clock P. M., in the forenoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with four per cent interest, legal costs, Attorney's fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgage does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

That certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Lovells, Crawford County, Michigan, described as the North ten acres of the Northeast fractional quarter of the Northwest fractional quarter of Section nineteen, Township twenty-eight North, Range one West.

Dated December 1, 1953.

William VonSee and Virginia VonSee

Mortgagees

HARRY T. COOK

Attorney for Mortgagees

Business address:

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the

County of Crawford

At a session of said Court, held

at the Probate Office in the City

of Grayling in said County on the

2nd day of December, 1953.

Present, Honorable Robert F. Neafie, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Marjorie M. McNamara, Deceased.

Leslie LeMieux having filed in said Court his final administration account, and his petition praying for the allowance thereof and for the assignment and distribution of the residue of said estate.

It is Ordered, That the 2nd day of January 1954, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for examining and allowing said account and hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, once in each week for three weeks consecutively, previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

Robert F. Neafie, Judge of Probate.

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Robert F. Neafie, Judge of Probate 10-17-24-31

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1st day of December, 1953.

Present: Hon. Robert F. Neafie, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Andrew R. Caid, deceased.

Notice is hereby given, that the petition of Russell G. Caid praying that the administration of said estate be granted to Ruth Caid or to some other suitable person; and that the heirs of said deceased be determined, will be heard at the Probate Court on the 25th day of January, 1954, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

It is Ordered that the notice thereof be given by publication of a copy hereof for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche and that the petitioner shall, at least 14 days prior to such hearing, cause a copy of this notice to be mailed to each known party in interest in this estate at his last known address by registered mail, return receipt demanded.

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It is Ordered, That the 18th day of January, A. D., 1954, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

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BITS O' TALK

Clare Burns is home from the University of Michigan, spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Burns. Christmas Day guests were the Gerald Burns.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Drummond and Roger Giegling spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil O. Giegling.

The Rev. and Mrs. Hollie Luter and family left Thursday to spend Christmas with relatives in Detroit. Robert Luter and Miss Sandy Strong joined them Christmas day and spent several days visiting Sandy's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Ellston.

Jack Barber of Dearborn was an overnight guest last Tuesday of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Foryst Barber. Jack recently graduated from Ford Apprentice School and is a qualified die maker and designer.

The Norman and Whitey Madsen families spent Christmas Eve in Gaylord with their mother, Mrs. Carl Madsen and other relatives.

Mrs. Pearl McFarland of Detroit arrived last Tuesday and is spending the holidays with her daughter and family, the Charles Pipers.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Long and daughter, Carolyn, spent Christmas in Chicago with relatives.

Mrs. Jappe Smith and daughter, Miss Mildred, left Sunday to spend the winter in Morgantown, West Virginia with Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. S. J. Rector and her sister, Mrs. John Taxler.

George Olson flew home from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. N. P. Olson and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reynolds of Midland spent Xmas with her mother, Mrs. William MacNeven and the Clyde Peterson family.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Allen and Terry left Wednesday of last week and spent Xmas with his parents.

Clarence Robertson spent Christmas and the week end in Saginaw visiting his sister, Mrs. Arthur Anderson.

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Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Johnson spent Christmas and a few days following, in Detroit, guests of their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Foryst Barber spent the Christmas holidays in Greenville visiting their son, Don and family.

Robert Horning, A. D. A. N., who is serving with a patrol squadron in the Navy at Brunswick, Maine, returned Sunday to his post after spending a leave visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Horning.

Pvt. Elery Horning stationed at Ft. Campbell, Ken., has been spending a ten day furlough here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Horning.

Mrs. Paul LaBrash is at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edwin Pratt, nursing a fractured ankle. She had fallen while visiting in Flint, but the exact trouble was not discovered until she had returned home and had the injury X-rayed. For the holidays she is enjoying a visit from her sister, Mrs. Rillia Winslow of Rochester, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Kren and family and Earl Rasmussen of Saginaw and Ralph Rasmussen of Ypsilanti spent Christmas visiting at the Elmer Rasmussen home. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Orr and children of Traverse City, who spent Christmas in Dearborn, made a pre-Christmas visit to the parental home the Sunday previous.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewis of Detroit arrived Thursday and spent Christmas visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. Ester Peterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Verner Rasmussen and two daughters and the former's mother, Mrs. Elsie Rasmussen, left Tuesday of last week to spend the holidays in Detroit, the latter with her sister and the former with Mrs. Rasmussen's parents.

According to a change of address the Louis Fryhovs evidently are spending some time in White Pigeon, Mich.

Mrs. George Lietz and Miss Burnis Meech drove to Lansing Wednesday of last week and accompanied Roy Trudgeon home from St. Lawrence Hospital, where he had had surgery done on one of his hands. He is getting along nicely.

Jack Alef made a flying trip to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Alef of Grosse Pointe on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Snyder and daughter, Peggy, of Bay City spent Christmas visiting Mrs. Oscar Hanson and Mrs. Ella Wilcox and daughter, Nancy.

Robert, Elery and Donna Horning drove to Eaton Rapids on Thursday to accompany their sister, Mrs. Al Lokken here to spend Christmas with her parents, the Oscar Hornings.

The Senior Home Economics class previous to the holiday vacation were guests of Miss Wanda Mikrut, teacher, at her apartment at the Kumpus home. As part of their school training they prepared and served dinner and afterwards enjoyed a Christmas party. There was a pretty Christmas tree and other decorations and gifts were exchanged.

Mr. and Mrs. Middle LaMotte and daughter, Marguerite and Miss Jean Rasmussen spent Christmas and the week end in Saginaw, guests of the LaMotte's daughter and family, the Lawrence Gales. Miss Dolores LaMotte, another daughter, of Chicago was to join them there for the holiday.

Dr. J. F. Cook, Willard Cornell, Grant Thompson and Lyne Bittsby attended the Lions-Cleveland football game in Detroit Sunday.

R. J. Sheehy was home from Waterford for Christmas and the week end visiting his family.

Mr. and Mrs. William LaGrow had as their guests over Christmas the latter's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones and children, Robert, Richard and Linda of Eagle, Mich. Other guests for dinner on Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sorenson and family.

Sue Ann Stephan, age nine years old is carrying her left arm in a sling. The little girl accidentally broke her arm below the elbow when she jumped from a swing, while playing at the Fela-hauser school. Sue Ann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stephan.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore had as their guests over Christmas, the former's sister, Mrs. Lee Pierce, and niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hazen and children of Port Huron.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Papendick and little son, Edwin, left Wednesday of last week to spend the holidays visiting Mrs. Papendick's parents. They will be returning about the 3rd of January.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Smock arrived Christmas morning from Elgin, Ill., to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Liland Smock and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Swanson.



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To many resort owners, particularly in the northern part of the State, the brief two and one-half months of real summer make it hard to realize much profit in their ventures. Some stay open only for the summer months, while others hold forth for nine months, closing December 1st right after the end of the deer season.

Lately emphasis on winter sports has attracted thousands of enthusiasts to more than a score of Michigan resorts near skiing, tobogganing and ice-fishing facilities. In some areas accommodations in the winter months are completely inadequate, and, with more winter sports publicity on the way, conditions may grow even worse.

Michigan resort associations will

be wise to take stock of unexploited off-season attractions, and to plan their advertising accordingly.

Bugs in the Snow

Modern, highway snowplows keep our roads open and clear the winter thru. Motorists face little or no danger of being snowbound—and are willing to drive a long way for an attractive menu of winter sports. The scenic splendor of northern Michigan in the snow is left for native residents to admire, yet it could be "sold" to an army of appreciative tourists. Ice-fishing is a sport too little publicized. With the introduction of the new light-weight "thermal" clothing to keep us warm "way below zero, countless more sportsmen will find fun outdoors in mid-winter in Michigan.

Springtime Underrated

Springtime, too, fails to get a deserving spotlight. With the breakup of lakes and streams, new life is evident everywhere. Wildfowl are in the skies and along our lakeshores, pausing in migration. The air has a freshness about it that is truly a tonic as a new season is born. Folks like to be out in the spring—yet places to go and things to see in Michigan are rarely publicized.

Somebody's missing the boat—and a couple of million "tourists" are missing some of the year's best fun in Michigan Outdoors!

—LET AN AVALANCHE WANT AD SELL IT—



There's no telling what the fuel conditions will be when cold weather comes. But, you needn't take chances. Order your coal now and know you will have adequate fuel supplies on hand—no matter what occurs in market conditions. Call 2471 for delivery today.

CHARLES W. MOSHIER

Phone 2471 515 Cedar St.
Holden's trading stamps given on all coal purchases

H. G. JARMIN

— GENERAL INSURANCE —

Fire — Life — Marine — Bonds Hospitalization
Health and Accident Wolverine Auto Insurance
HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR FIRE INSURANCE?
YOU MAY BE BUT 40% INSURED.

411 MICHIGAN AVENUE

PHONE 2701

"Laugh for Fun-ds"

"Happy New Year." We will all be back to service you with the finest laundry and dry cleaning service on Monday, January 3rd, in the new year of 1954.

This adv. cut out and presented to our routeman or call office is worth 10c on any dry cleaning order paid for incash.

Grayling Laundry & Dry Cleaners

PHONE 2501



OFF WITH THE OLD . . . ON WITH THE NEW
. . . MAY IT BE THE YEAR OF DREAMS-COME-TRUE FOR YOU.

Baringer's Men's Shop



As the clock strikes twelve and the bells ring out their melodious greeting to 1954, we pause to make two heartfelt wishes. May the New Year carry with it increased good will and understanding among all nations on earth. And for you and yours, may this year be laden with the best of health, prosperity and joy.

Dawson's

SUCCESS IN
1954

TO FRIENDS OLD AND FRIENDS NEW, GO
OUR WARMEST GREETINGS AND OUR SINCERE WISHES FOR A NEW YEAR FILLED WITH HAPPY DAYS.

OLSON'S

OVER 40,000 INVESTORS OWN
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Yielding About **5.5 %** Based on present prices & dividends

Consumers Power Company has paid an uninterrupted dividend since 1915.

If you are seeking better than-average interest on your money, simply phone Saginaw 2-7128 and ask for Mr. William E. Black or fill out the coupon below.

Mr. Black—Without obligation on my part, I am interested in learning more about investing in shares of Consumers Power Company Common Stock.

Name _____
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City _____ Phone _____

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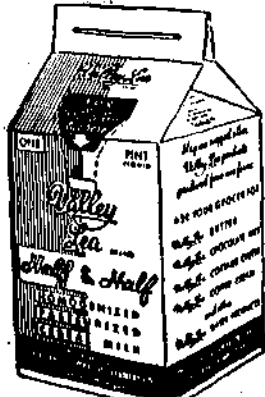
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Saginaw, Michigan

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WE'RE SHOUTIN'

IT OUT . . .

**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**

Once again, we want to take this opportunity, during this gay Holiday to thank our many customers for their loyal patronage, and to wish each and every one of our friends a greeting that comes from the heart . . . May 1954 be the happiest year of many to come!

Grayling Mercantile Company

New Year's Day Was Not Always On January 1

New Year's was not always celebrated on January 1. In fact, even today New Year's comes on different dates for some peoples.

Prior to September 14, 1752, England and her colonies regarded January 1 with indifference because New Year's day was observed on March 25.

Today, many people who continue to use the Gregorian calendar still celebrate traditional feasts, including New Year, on different days. The Gregorian calendar was not presented to the world until 1582 by Pope Gregory XIII.

The Jews observe a 10-day New Year season at the time of the autumn equinox, beginning on Rosh Hashana and ends on Yom Kippur.

The Moslem calendar (dating from 622 A. D.) has 12 months of the year that begin with the approximate new moon without any intercalation to keep them geared to the seasonal equinoxes. As a result New Year's and months retrograde through the entire year in about 33 1/3 years.

Bowl Games Have Become American New Year Tradition

Bowl games have become a great American New Year's tradition.

The fabulous Rose Bowl game started out as a supplement to the Tournament of Roses when the first east-west game was played on January 1, 1900. In that game the University of Michigan defeated Stanford by a 49 to 0 victory over Stanford.

The success of the Rose Bowl game has since the "unhallowed" tradition.

our bowl games from coast to coast. Among the many, there are the Orange Bowl, the Sun Bowl, the Sugar Bowl, the Gator Bowl, Hawaii's Pineapple Bowl and even Alaska's Ice Bowl.

But getting back to the Rose Bowl, after the first year a charter race was substituted for the game in 1903. Originally run with amateur drivers, the charter race became professional affairs after the first few years and the public lost interest.

The year 1916 brought a return to collegiate football via a contest in which Washington state defeated Brown university.

The Rose Bowl has been going strong ever since.

Egypt, Rome Observed New Years in Spring

Ancient Rome and Egypt celebrated New Year in the spring.

Egypt used the overflowing of the Nile as a calendar and celebrated the New Year accordingly, in June.

The Babylonians began their year in March and the early Romans followed the Babylonian pattern.

Bearing this in mind, the custom of invoking the gods of fertility of New Year's time—the origin of which is lost in antiquity—seems logical and appropriate.

The Romans were accustomed to hanging tiny masks of Bacchus upon trees and vines, the idea being to impart fertility to every side of the tree to which the masks were turned by the wind.

Scottish lads always had a howling good time going about on New Year's Eve switching the trunks of fruit trees and petitioning a "good howling crop."

Reflecting the fear of starvation, peasant families in various parts of the world baked a special New Year's cake which they dashed against the door; member of the household hastened to pick up a piece and eat it, praying that neither hunger nor want should enter the house during the year.

LOCAL NEWS —

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Duncan and children and Mr. Duncan's mother of Adrian spent Christmas with her father, Perry Akers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Welch of Mt. Pleasant spent Xmas with the Lee Welch family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Niederer of Camp Atterbury, Indiana, spent Christmas with their parents, the First Niederers and Roy McEvers.

The Ted Davenport of Mt. Pleasant went to Lake City Xmas Eve to visit his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Robert Frey and Mr. and Mrs. George Davenport and

also spent some time in Cadillac with his father the Max Davenport. They returned to Grayling Monday to spend the remainder of his vacation from C.M.C.E. at the home of her parents, the Del Thompsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fegor of Lake Margrethe spent Christmas and several days in Detroit.

Miss Jane Ann Martin of D. G. G. spent on Wednesday this Sunday at the home of her mother, Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Truitt.

Churches

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Fr. John A. Belskies, Pastor
Mass Schedule:
Sunday 8:30 - 10:30
Holyday Masses 6:30 - 8:30 a.m.
Weekday Mass 8:00 a.m.

MICHELSON MEMORIAL CHURCH
Pastor—Rev. R. C. Puffer
Church School 9:45 A. M.
Divine Worship: 11:00 A. M.
Intermediate Youth Fellowship at 5:30 P. M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FREDERIC
Rev. E. K. Huddelston, pastor
Sunday School — 10 a. m.
Morning Worship — 11 a. m.
Evening Service — 7:30 p. m.
Prayer and Bible Study on Wednesday evenings at 8 p. m.
7:00 Monday eve., Bible class.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor Donald J. Cleveland
301 Shellenburg St.
Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
Worship Service 11:00 A. M.
Youth Fellowship 7:00 P. M.
Evening Service 7:30 P. M.
Midweek Services Thursday Evening 7:30 p. m.

REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
New Location corner Plum and Smith Streets
Pastor—Elder Roy Newberry
Church School 10:00 a. m.
Preaching 11:00 a. m. Except the first Sunday of each month which will be Communion at 10:00 and Church School at 11:00 a. m.

GRAYLING LUTHERAN CHURCH
Rev. John Enselmann
Phone 2541
Worship service 11 A. M.
Sunday School 9:45 A. M.

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Recessed
Rev. John Enselmann
Phone 2541
Worship service 9:30 A. M.
Sunday School 10:30 A. M.

MT. HOPE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Rev. Paul Beck of Gaylord will conduct services here each Sunday at 7:30 P. M. at the Grayling Grange Hall. Sunday school at 10:00 A. M. The public is cordially invited.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Chestnut St. and US-27
Rev. Holle M. Luter
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.
Worship Service, 11:00 a. m.
Evening Worship, 7:30 p. m.
Young People's 8:00 p. m. Monday.

Mid-Week Services
Prayer and Everybody's Bible Class, Wednesday, 8:00 p. m.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST
306 Park St.
L. W. Hyde, pastor. Phone 4866
Sabbath School, 1:30 p. m. (Saturday)
Church Service, 2:30 p. m. (Saturday)

LOVELLS CHAPEL
Rev. Hazzard, Pastor
11:00 A. M. Sunday School
7:30 P. M. Chapel Service
Prayer Meeting, 7:30 p. m. (Wednesday)

GRAYLING ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Pastor, Rev. Nathan Birdwell
Peninsular Street Across From Court House
Sunday School 10 a. m.
Worship Service 11 a. m.
Evangelistic Service 7:00 p. m.
Bible Study Hour — Wednesdays 7:30 p. m.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN
The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate office in the City of Grayling in said County, on the 24th day of December, 1953.

Present, Hon. Robert F. Neafie, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Nellie Allen, deceased.
It appearing to the Court that the time for presentation of the claims against said estate should be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said Court;

It is Ordered that creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said Court at said Probate Office on or before the 8th day of March, 1954 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, said time and place being hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims and demands against said deceased.

It is Further Ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, once in each week for three weeks consecutively, previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

Robert F. Neafie,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy.
Robert F. Neafie,
Judge of Probate. 31-7-14-21

We Begin Our SEVENTY-SIXTH YEAR...



THE AVALANCHE serves every member of the family!



In 1953, our Seventy-fifth year, the average weekly circulation of the Crawford County Avalanche reached better than 1,400 copies, the highest in this newspaper's history.

This means the Avalanche has more than 5,600 readers each issue.

During 1953 the Avalanche ran more than 46,100 column inches of classified, legal and display advertising. This is an all-time advertising mark, proving the sales ability of this advertising medium.

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Fall and Winter Schedule — Monday thru Saturday, Doors Open 8:45. Show starts 7:00. Sunday Show Continuous from 2:00 p. m.

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"Master Of Ballantrae"

— In Technicolor —
— Starring —

Errol Flynn and Beatrice Campbell

ALSO

"Ride The Man Down"

— In Tru-Color —
— Starring —

Brian Donlevy and Rod Cameron

Color Cartoon

News

Sunday & Monday

"Peter Pan"

— (In Technicolor) —
— Starring —

Walt Disney Feature

ALSO

"BEAR COUNTRY"

(A Walt Disney Featurette)

Color Cartoon

"Hunting the Devil Cat"

"Little Boy Lost"

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